

INSTRUCTIONAccreditation

The purpose of standards for accreditation of schools in Virginia is to provide a foundation for quality education. Accreditation standards provide guidance and direction to assist schools in their continuing efforts to offer educational programs to meet the needs, interests, and aspirations of all students. The accreditation standards are designed to ensure that schools have the capability of providing a sound educational program and to encourage continuous appraisal and improvement.

In accordance with the legal reference to this policy, the school board shall maintain public elementary and secondary schools which meet accrediting standards adopted by the Board of Education. In so doing, the school board endeavors to encourage school improvement, to foster public confidence, and to assure recognition by other institutions of learning. All accreditation reports are open for public inspection.

Legal Reference: Through June 30, 1999

Code of Va., §22.1-19. Accreditation of elementary, middle and high schools; nursery schools; child day center regulation. (1993)

Code of Va., §22.1-253.13:3. Standard 3. Accreditation, other standards and evaluation.

Regulations of the Virginia Board of Education, "Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia." VAC 8-20-131-10 (September 4, 1997, effective October 31, 1997.)

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